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In re Continuation Application of:) Prior Application of:) Serial No.: 08/878,668
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For: INFORMATION AGGREGAT- ION AND SYNTHESIZATION SYSTEM)))

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer and add new claims 33-40

as follows:

✓ ✓33. A method for managing information using an intermediary gateway device

having a corresponding network address, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a request to communicate with a network accessible datastore having

a particular network address;

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